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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PUNAGANTI ET AL.

Examiner

CongVan Tran

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed March 05, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. In response to applicant's argument regarding claims 1, 11, 14, that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., "silent message are conveyed between the called terminal and/or the calling terminal"). Examiner respectfully disagrees, in Byer's reference discloses that "the user mobile device, such as a cell phone, pager, or PDA, to send a courtesy alerting message to a caller when it is inopportune for the user to answer immediately the call request. The courtesy alerting feature is preferably a special button or menu selection on the mobile device that allows the user to answer the call in an inconspicuous manner" (see fig.1, element 68, paragraph [0006]), which is read on "silent message are conveyed between the called terminal and/or the calling terminal". With this broadest reasonable interpretation, Examiner believes that the previous rejection is proper.
3. Note: the pre-stored announcement message is a silent message.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Byers et al. (2003/0054865).

Regarding claims 1, 4, 11-18, 23-25, and 34, Byers discloses a courtesy alerting feature for mobile electric devices comprising: detecting a call establishment request (see fig.2, step 202, paragraph [0018]); in response to said detecting, alerting a called terminal (see fig.2, step 204, paragraph [0018]); in response to said alerting, setting up a two way connection between a calling terminal and called terminal (see fig.2, steps 210, 212, 214 or 210, 216, paragraph [0019]); determining that a two way voice call between the calling terminal and called terminal is not allowed (see fig.2, steps 208, 210, 212, 214, 218, paragraph [0020]); receiving silent messages via the called terminal and /or the calling terminal (see fig.2, steps 212, 214, paragraph [0020]); and conveying said silent messages to the calling terminal and/or the called terminal, respectively (see fig.2, steps 212, 214, paragraphs [0020]-[0021]).

Regarding claim 2-3, 7-10, 19, 26-30, and 33, Byer further discloses the determining is based on detecting a predetermined input via the user interface of the called terminal after said alerting (see paragraph [0006]).

Regarding claims 5-6, Byer further discloses converting said silent messages to speech or converting comprises text-to-speech synthesis (see paragraph [0015]).

Regarding claim 20-22, 31-32, Byers discloses a courtesy alerting feature for

mobile electric devices comprising: select a desired call mode (see fig.2, step 204, paragraph [0018]); in response to said selection, setting up a two-way connection between the calling terminal and called terminal (see fig.2, steps 210, 212, 214 or 210, 216, paragraph [0019]); and if a two way voice call between the called terminal and the calling is not allowed, receive and convey silent messages from the calling terminal and/or the called terminal (see fig.2, steps 208, 210, 212, 214, 218, paragraph [0020]).

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CongVan Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-7871. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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